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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 09/936,918 Confirmation No. 3025  
Applicant : S. NAKATA et al  
Filed : November 1, 2001  
Titled : AUTOMATIC ANALYZING APPARATUS  
TC/A.U. : 1743  
Examiner : L. Alexander  
Docket No. : KAS-157  
Customer No.: 24956

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a three-month Extension of Time, to and including May 16, 2006, be granted in which to respond to the Office Action dated November 16, 2006 in the above-identified application.

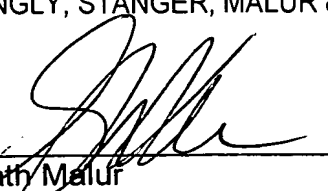
Our Credit Card Payment Form in the amount of **\$1020.00** is attached in payment of the appropriate fee.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional payment due, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.

Respectfully submitted,

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